

BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2017

REGULAR MEETING: The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held at the 438 Granby Road Office on Thursday, November 16, 2017. Chairman John Mikuszewski called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Chairman	John A. Mikuszewski
Clerk	William L. Schenker
Associate Member	David T. Daly
Superintendent	Jeffrey A. Cyr

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS: The weekly warrants were signed by all Board Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: David T. Daly made a motion to approve the minutes of October 11, 2017. This motion was seconded by William L. Schenker. Motion Carried

MWRA WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT: Jeff Cyr updated the Board that he spoke with Pamela Heidell, Policy and Planning Manager of MWRA. Pam said the final Agreement documents will be endorsed by the MWRA and will be sent back to us in December. One of the changes is that we are now allowed to receive 3 million gallons per day, which is a reduction from 3.8 million gallons that we were allowed within the prior ten-year contract.

MWRA 0% LOAN STATUS FOR NEWTON ST: Jeff Cyr informed the Board that the official Bond for the 0% loan was issued by Matt Feher/ Bond counsel for Burns/ Levinson in Boston. The Prudential Committee has to sign it and the originals sent back to Boston. Jeff stated the maximum amount South Hadley is allowed is \$2,038,000, and our payback will be \$203,800 a year for ten years. Jeff noted that if we do not use entire amount of loan for Newton Street we can use for another MWRA water main project with their approval. Jeff noted that for the Newton Street design MA DOT is requiring a 3 year \$50,000 performance bond on the project from the Water Department Jeff feels as though the contractor should be putting up the bond for this considering they are performing the work. Jeff noted we ran into a similar setback when we had a contractor do 500 feet of Newton Street as part of the town's sewer project back in 2015. Jeff informed the Board he spoke to Tony Da Cruz from Tighe and Bond and Tony assured Jeff we are still ahead of schedule and should be all set to go to bid by the Holidays in December.

BERWYN ST. WATER MAIN: Jeff notified the Board that our Maintenance Crew replaced 500 feet of the water main on Berwyn Street, between Viviani and Lawn Streets. The Crew has just completed paving and put down loam and seed on lawns this week. Jeff noted the project cost is about \$12,000.

CELL TOWER LEASE AGREEMENTS: Jeff informed the Board that he was contacted by a Kamal Jani who works for Accenture, the company negotiating lease contracts for the Verizon cell tower

leases. Jeff noted that preliminary numbers look like they are asking to reduce the amount they pay us from \$2645/month to \$2550/month for the Alvord Street tank and \$3061.30/month to \$2550/month for the Industrial Drive tank. It will be a loss of about \$8000/year. Jeff noted the market trends are driving the re-negotiations down.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

The Board granted the day after Thanksgiving off. In addition, the Water Department will work a half day on December 22th and half day on December 29th in observance of Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve holidays.

FINANCIAL PRESENTATION
FOR PRUDENTIAL
COMMITTEE:

Jeff Cyr informed the Board that Kevin Taugher, Chairman for the Prudential Committee requested financial information and the decision process for the rate increases related to the Newton St. Project (see Note 1). Jeff went through the document with the Board prior to the Board and himself attending the Prudential Committee Meeting later this evening at 6:30 pm at Fire Headquarters.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

John A. Mikuszewski made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by William L. Schenker
Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

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William L. Schenker, Clerk